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To Supervising Principals and American Teachers: --

The Department of Education is glad to offer an opportunity to the American teachers on the Island to take a course in Spanish under official supervision and with such assistance as it may be possible for us to render from this office. While the work is not required, the Department strongly recommends that all American teachers avail themselves of this opportunity to pursue a definite and practical course in Spanish. Instructors cannot be furnished by the Department but books will be provided gratis. At the close of the year, oral and written examinations will be held and each teacher will be notified as to the results obtained. The oral examinations will be based on matters of general or of personal interest rather than on either of the text books.

Two courses are offered: an Elementary, based on "Spanish simplified" by Knoflach and an Advanced Course, Based on "A Practical Course in Spanish" by Monsanto and Banguellier. The written examination for the Elementary Course will cover the entire book; and that for the Advanced Course will be based on Lesson 33 to Lesson 55, inclusive.

Teachers will please notify their Supervising Principal as to the course in which they wish to enroll not later than November 2. Upon receipt of these reports, the Supervising Principals will immediately notify this Department as to the number of books of each kind needed.

Very truly yours,

F.D. HADDOCK Acting Commissioner